

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 731  
By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Linda Jones on being named Nashville Teacher of the Year for Metro Davidson County Schools.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those special persons who dedicate themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who through their knowledge, effective skills and love of young people, help shape the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones is certainly one such remarkable citizen, whose exceptional service as a third-grade teacher at Union Hill Elementary School has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones was recently named Nashville Teacher of the Year for Metro Davidson County Schools for her outstanding performance and wonderful contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is especially deserving of this prestigious award; she has previously been named Teacher of the Year at Union Hill four times and Teacher of the Year at Bellshire once. Ms. Jones has also been commended by Union Planters Bank, by Judge Randall Wyatt, by Congressman Bob Clement, and by Police Chief Joe Casey; and

WHEREAS, this award brings distinction for herself, for Union Hill Elementary School and for the entire community; and

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WHEREAS, with over 25 years of experience, Linda Jones has gained valuable insight into the teaching profession that can only come through hard work, dedication and persistence; she shares this insight by being a mentor for new teachers at Union Hill and previously at Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, serving with distinction, unparalleled devotion and genuine concern, she has earned the respect and esteem of the student body, as she has fueled their thirst for knowledge and inspired them to strive for the achievement of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jones' service to her students is not just limited to the classroom; she also coordinates the Celebrity Reader program at the school, serves on the Union Hill Homecoming Committee, is a member of the Staff Interviewing and Selection Committee, and serves as the Coordinator of the Pencil Project; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones best describes her profession and her life by saying, "I'm doing exactly what I've always wanted to do"; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Linda Jones, who, through her dedication to the profession she loves and the people she treasures, profoundly influences Tennessee's most precious resource, our young people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Linda Jones on being named Nashville Teacher of the Year for Metro Davidson County Schools and salute her profound devotion to her students, her fellow teachers and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Linda Jones continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

